

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5        The invention relates to purification of (2S,3S)-3-  
      [[ (1S)-1-isobutoxymethyl-3-methylbutyl] carbamoyl] oxirane-  
      2-carboxylic acid [hereinafter, referred to as the car-  
      boxylic acid] using the salt of the carboxylic acid with  
      an organic amine selected from the group consisting of  
10      piperazine, adamantane amines and others. The invention  
      also relates to providing crystalline sodium salt of the  
      carboxylic acid. The sodium salt is usable as a material  
      for preparing medicaments and improved in storage sta-  
      bility, and has the following characteristics:

15        DSC: exothermic peak observed at a temperature in  
      the range of 170 to 175°C with weight decrease; and  
      characteristic absorption bands of infrared absorp-  
      tion spectrum (KBr tablet): 3255, 2950, 2860, 1670, 1630,  
      1550, 1460, 1435, 1395, 1365, 1310, 1260, 1110, 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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